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In re Application of

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed March 13, 2008, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above application. The delay in responding is regretted.

The record shows that a Notice of Appeal was filed on July 18, 2007. However, a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review was mailed on September 14, 2007, which reset the time frame to be one month from the mailing of the decision or the balance of the two-month time limit from the receipt date of the notice of appeal, whichever was greater. Since petitioner could obtain an extension of time up to five months, the due date for the reply to the Panel Decision was due on March 14, 2007. Therefore, this application was held abandoned prematurely.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is hereby <u>withdrawn</u> and the Notice of Abandonment is hereby <u>vacated</u>. Therefore, the petition is <u>GRANTED</u>.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3714 for processing in accordance with this decision.

Inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-

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